Longhouse Council **Boy Scouts of America**

Silver Beaver Award

Nomination Guidelines

The Silver Beaver is national award presented by the Longhouse Council. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a volunteer leader by a local council.

The Silver Beaver is awarded for **noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council**.

As you prepare to nominate an outstanding Scouter for this prestigious honor, please review the following guidelines to ensure your nomination receives full consideration:

- Use the nomination form on the Council Web site; Do NOT use the form from the BSA National web site – that form is used by the Council to submit the Council's recommendations to the National Court of Honor.
- The award is limited to adults 21 years of age or older
- The nominee must be a registered Scouter in the Hiawatha Seaway Council
- Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within 5 years of leaving professional service.
- Nominations cannot be made for posthumous awards.
- A Scouter may not nominate himself/herself.
- A family member may not be the sole nominator of a Scouter. (Supplemental nominations or information from family members to support a nomination are welcome.)

It is difficult to nominate a person for the Silver Beaver. We ask for a great deal of information, some of which is difficult to obtain – and certainly hard to gather without the knowledge of the nominee.

- Gather information confidentially – a nominee may not be selected in any given year; it is unfair to prematurely raise hopes and expectations of the nominee
- Do your very best to provide as much data as you can. An otherwise well qualified nominee may be overlooked in the selection process if the nomination package is incomplete or sketchy.
- On the other hand, nomination packages do not have to be book length. We seek to assess the qualities and service of the nominee, not the quality of the paper or the thickness of the package.
- Multiple letters of recommendation are welcome – but only to the extent that each letter reveals new and different information about the nominee. Ten "Joe is a good guy" letters do not enhance a nominee's package as much as two letters providing unique insights into a nominee's Scouting and civic activities.

What is most important in the nomination package?

- Information about the Scouter's Scouting service – identify where and when the service was performed – and what made it noteworthy
- Information about other recognitions received (especially District Award of Merit, Spurgeon Award, other District awards)
- Training Awards
- Information about other service to youth (non-Scouting), civic, veteran and business affiliations, religious affiliation service and other personal characteristics which make the nominee stand out among his/her peers

NOTE: Although the Silver Beaver is a Scouting award, we ask for information about the nominee's life outside of Scouting for two reasons – first, to better understand the whole person and his/her contributions to the community, and second, to allow us to share the good news of a Scouter's receipt of the award with those other organizations.

Questions? Please contact Silver Beaver Committee Chair Dick Blansett, 457-7523; rblanset@twcny.rr.com.

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Nomination Form

Submit nominations to: Silver Beaver Selection Committee
Longhouse Council, B.S.A.
2803 Brewerton Road (US Rte 11)
Syracuse, NY 13211

2011 Nomination Deadline:

April 29, 2011

Please obtain the information requested below confidentially. The data and comments of the nominator(s) are extremely important to the Silver Beaver Selections Committee to fairly evaluate the contributions of this nominee for the Silver Beaver Award. Only fully completed forms can be considered. Additional sheets providing more details are welcomed! **PLEASE read the nomination instruction sheet which accompanies this form. Please note: A nominee must be a currently registered Scouter, at least 21 years of age.**

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (for preparation of award citation if nominee is selected) :

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Current Primary Active Role in Scouting _____ Unit# _____

Address _____ E Mail _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Occupation & Employer _____
(if retired, name last occupation & employer)

Schools Attended: High School _____ College _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Children's Names/Ages: _____

NOMINATION INFORMATION (evaluation of nominees will be based on the following information):

1. Distinguished Service to Scouting Youth. Must be currently registered. (Describe service at Unit (Group, Pack, Troop, Crew, Post) level, at District and at Council levels; include position titles, approximate dates of service in each role, and significant accomplishments.)

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2. Service to Youth Other than Scouting. (Describe other youth-oriented service in the community; provide name & phone number of contact with organization(s) listed.)

3. Civic, Veteran, Business and Professional Affiliations. (Describe the nominee's participation in the community outside of Scouting; include government service (military/Peace Corps, etc.); provide name & phone number of contact with organizations(s) listed.)

4. Service for Religious Affiliation. (Describe the nominee's service to his/her place or form of worship.)

5. Outstanding Personal Characteristics. (Character traits, teamwork skills, leadership strengths, personality, hobbies, etc.)

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Date: _____

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